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1. Ten soldiers assisted in giving the CW training [redacted] during the Summer of 1950 in the 290th Gds. Rifle Regt. [redacted] these men were members of a regimental CW platoon. In addition to these 10, each battalion had a CW NCO assigned to the supply and administrative platoon. [redacted]

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[redacted] an underground bomb shelter where one room with canvas doors was set up as an air-tight gas chamber. [redacted] the NCO in charge (a member of the regimental CW platoon) instructed [redacted] to hold [redacted] breath until told to put on [redacted] masks. [redacted]

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The masks were checked [redacted] were taught how to make adjustments and clear the mask of gas. [redacted] the air in the chamber turned light blue after the gas was released. [redacted] in the chamber only three minutes after the gas had been released. [redacted]

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[redacted] members had gas mask drill every Thursday morning; they wore the mask from just after breakfast until just before the noon meal. Normal duties were carried on during these drills.

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2. [redacted] CW equipment [redacted]

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a. Gas mask, World War II Shlem type (one per individual).

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- b. Anti-gas cape, heavy paper construction (one per individual).
- c. Impregnated, knee-length socks (kept in each company in sufficient quantity to issue one pair to a man).
- d. Ground sheets of heavy paper construction (kept in each company in sufficient quantity to issue one to every two men).
- e. Other protective items, such as impregnated suits with hood, rubber gloves, and rubber boots, were in company supply.

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